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**Subject:** FW: Advisory Bike Lanes

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Hi all,

Now that they've been installed for several months and we've had time to get used to them, I wanted to offer a few thoughts on the Advisory Bike Lanes that have been painted on a few streets in Ann Arbor.

When advisory bike lanes were presented to the commission last summer, Linda Diane Feldt (who is dearly missed!) got it [exactly right](#): advisory bike lanes are problematic when they instruct bicyclists to ride in the "door zone". On Granger, as Mr. Hess pointed out in that meeting, there is a buffer between the bike lane and parked cars, and it's great! However, on William, and even more so on S. First, this is not the case. The advisory bike lanes place bikes *directly* in the door zone. Whenever I'm riding on these particular streets, I only feel comfortable riding toward the middle of the road, in direct contradiction with what the paint suggests I should do.

Whatever the other benefits, I do not believe it is appropriate to install "bike infrastructure" that suggests riders should engage in behavior that is uncomfortable and unsafe. I believe a better approach for these streets might be to paint "super sharrows" in the middle of the road, and install "bikes may use full lane" signs.

To be clear, this is mostly a "minor annoyance" level concern; y'all are working on a lot of things that are more important than this, so I would not ask that you immediately go back and re-stripe these streets. I'm hoping instead that you might simply update the city's design guidelines moving forward so that we *only* install advisory bike lanes on streets where a sufficient buffer can be provided to keep bikes away from parked cars.

I also greatly appreciate that the city has been willing to experiment with modern road-design practices like advisory bike lanes - I only ask that we learn from these experiments!

Thanks for your attention to this, and for all that you do.

- Adam